

Griffmen Fail to Sign Contracts--Mackmen Are Holdouts--Appeal to A. F. of L.

GRIFFMEN WAITING FOR FULTZ'S ORDER

Four Players Fail to Sign, But Promise to Let Old Fox Hear From Them Soon.

NAMES ARE NOT PUBLISHED

Manager Griffith Welcomes Settlement of Quarrel With Diamond Stars.

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The fraternity in their present demands upon the major leagues, Mr. Gompers and his associates are, first of all, fair and square. I doubt very much that Fultz's demands upon us would please the labor leaders.

Leads the Commission.

"I don't care where the players appeal for help, they will never receive any squarer treatment than they have from the National Commission for the last fifteen years. The commission's record is open to any investigators and to any court in the country. Organized baseball, in its handling of players and property, has nothing to conceal.

"Ban Johnson is right when he dismisses the whole thing by saying that a walkout is a knockout for the fraternity."

"If baseball, as now organized all over the country as a sport and a pastime, is to be run by the players, it's well for us to know it. Then we can quit and let them run it. Certainly they can never run it while we are in it."

Player Discusses Fultz.

In New York yesterday a player, whose name has for good reasons been kept secret, said that the players' pledge does not carry as far as Dave Fultz seems to think. He added, too, that many players who have signed pledges have already signed up, though not yet turning in their contracts.

"We are not fairly represented in all statements sent out from the headquarters," says this player, a member of the fraternity. "Major league players did not pledge themselves to a sympathetic strike in the interests of minor league men."

"We agreed not to sign contracts until the major leagues eliminated disability clauses. That has been done. We have no further quarrel."

Assumes Too Much.

"I want to tell you something else," this player went on. "The Fraternity head not only assumed too much, but for a fact I know that a great many of the major league players, on whom he is counting in case it comes to a walkout, have either accepted terms or signed contracts for 1917 already."

"I got in out of the wet, the same as Saltee and a lot more. I didn't intend to jeopardize my future on any minor league cause. We have no cause for complaint against the National or American League. If we had, I'd stick it to the cows come home. In this I feel the same as every player with whom I have talked."

If this player quoted is correct, Manager Griffith acts wisely in keeping secret the names of his four men who have promised to write to him later.

SHOWDOWN COMING

Fraternity Will Gather Secretly to Prevent Blacklisting.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—As far as the Chicago district is concerned, tonight will produce a showdown on the strength of the baseball players' Fraternity. The meeting was called by Al Demaree, the Philly pitcher. The meeting place will probably be held secret, to prevent the magnates from blacklisting the players attending.

There are estimated to be from 80 to 100 professional ball players living in Chicago and vicinity. Indications today were that not over twenty-five would be present.

The old Federal League, headed by Joe Zinker, former Cub pilot, are openly flouting the Fraternity. It refused them admission when they were fighting organized baseball and if it comes to a showdown all the former Fed's will be against the frat.

Only two major league players have openly defied the owners and announced they would attend. One is Demaree, who is the frat leader in this district. The other is Jimmy Archer, the Cub catcher, who has sent his contract back to President Weeghman and announced that he has had a salary cut and will not stand for it.

Weeghman has announced that six Cub players have been tendered contracts which call for salary reductions. They are Pitchers Seaton, Hendrix, and Lavender, Catchers Wilson and Archer, and Infielder Zeider. All of these but Archer and Lavender are former Fed's.

The prospect of a closed baseball lot for the next season does not seem to be worrying the minors as much as it does the majors. Al Tarnery, president of the Three-I League, stated today that a strike was the least of the troubles of the minors.

"Our chief trouble will be to go through the coming season without going broke," Tarnery said. "We don't care whether they strike or not."

BIG SEVEN COIN GONE

MARYVILLE, Cal., Jan. 16.—Harry Hooper, who played such fine baseball for the Red Sox in the world's series, invested his profits from those games in a six-cylinder automobile, but the new owners of the Boston club need feel no apprehension that Harry's gamewill suffer from top much mauling. Yesterday the machine caught fire and was completely demolished.

WELSH IS HUMILIATED.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Stung, even humiliated, Fred Welsh is heading for Milwaukee today with a chip of considerable proportions on his shoulder. When Ritchie Mitchell knocked out tonight, it will be Freddie's cue.

Welsh, his manager says, has felt recently the newspaper reports of \$500 odds on Mitchell.

DENY THEY'LL STRIKE

Navin Also Says Cobb's Contract Has Two More Years.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 16.—Reports from New York today that Cobb would join the threatened strike of baseball players because he had been threatened with a salary cut were branded as false by President Frank J. Navin, of the Tiger club.

"Cobb's contract has two more years to run," Navin said today. "There is no dispute between the club and Cobb as to salary."

Navin reported receipt of a letter from Cobb as late as last week, in which the peach discussed plans for the season and gave no hint of any dissatisfaction.

A. F. OF L. READY TO BACK FULTZ

Gompers Says Charter Will Be Granted Players Without Doubt.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Whether Ban Johnson, president of the American League, was knocked speechless by the news that the Baseball Players' Fraternity had applied for a charter giving it membership in the American Federation of Labor, was not known today.

But at all events Johnson was not talking.

Ban is here to put the American League finishing touch on what Barney Dreyfuss and John Heydler do in the way of schedules for the two major organizations, but he is not here for talking purposes.

He refused to add anything to his remarks in Chicago to the effect that he was going to run Dave Fultz out of baseball.

Gompers Is Pleased.

Samuel Gompers, president of the labor federation, is in New York. He declared he was happy to learn of the Fultz application. He added that Fultz has contemplated such a step for some time.

"I have no doubt that the charter will be granted," Gompers said. "It seems like the right sort of a step. Organized labor certainly will back Fultz in his demands if his organization affiliates with ours. I am a keen baseball fan and believe the Fraternity demands are no more than proper."

Talked a Little Yesterday.

Ban talked a little when he arrived in New York late yesterday. He purged something about crushing the Fraternity, Dave Fultz's presumption, the smugness of American League ball players, and the ingratitude of those who plan to strike, and then knocked off.

Fultz, meanwhile, is staying in the background. Interviews purporting to come from ball players on either side of the fence declare they will be with the strike movement and the bells ring; others are quoted as saying they are ready to sign, and they don't care if the minors choke.

Working on Schedules.

Ban himself, said he wouldn't be in New York but for the fact that some preliminary work must be done on the schedules here. His trip hasn't a thing to do with Fultz's threats, in spite of the fact that the big leagues make it a rule to meet in some small town where quiet is thick, when they get ready to frame their schedules.

Ban and his colleagues will leave New York and go to Dover Hall, Ga., probably tomorrow. There they expect to finish up the business of routing the clubs for next summer.

Gov. John E. Terrell refuses to comment on the situation. He says there's nothing to add.

RED SOX TO STRIKE

Duffy Lewis Says Players Mean Business and Will Quit.

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 16.—The entire Boston Red Sox ball team will go on strike if Dave Fultz, head of the Baseball Players' Fraternity, says the word, in the opinion of Duffy Lewis, star outfielder.

"Lewis, who is visiting here, declared further that he is sure the entire Detroit club will also go out if a strike is called."

"The ball players mean business," said Lewis, "and the powers that be may just as well get that straight now. I believe they will back Dave Fultz to a man, and talk of driving Fultz out of baseball is both."

Lewis says Fultz sent cards to all members of the Fraternity asking advice about a possible strike. Lewis replied: "Go to it; we are all with you."

DEAL FALLS THROUGH

Ebbets and Higgins Fail to Agree On Snyder Trade.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 16.—Negotiations between the Cardinals and the Superbas for a trade which would send Catcher Snyder to the pennant winners were called off today. Miller Ebbets, of Brooklyn, and Owner Ebbets, of Brooklyn, were unable to get together on the deal.

Fleider Jones will arrive here in the middle of February to lead his squad of Browns to Palestine, Tex., for March 2, for the spring training trip. The spring series with the Cardinals will begin March 31, a week later than last year.

LAST NIGHT'S CRACKS.

Shank, Raftery, 130.
May, Palace, Two-Man, 138.
Lewis, Royals, 136.
Carroll, Royals, 134.
Lorch, New Jerusalem, 132.
Kupfer, Managers, 132.
Werk, Bucky's, 131.
Lorch, Good Fellows, 130.
Kupfer, Royals, 129.
King, Goodfellows, 129.
Kupfer, Managers, 128.
Douglas, Office, 125.
Coe, C. A. P., 123.

BOWLING EXPERTS CONTEST TONIGHT

Grand Centrals and Southeast All-Stars Meet on Latter's Runways.

Something in the way of exceptional scores can be looked for tonight when the Grand Centrals, of the National Capital League, and a picked team from the Southeast League, including the veteran, Andy Goddard, and others well known to local pinpiling fans, get together at the Southeast alleys in the first five games of a ten-game series. The competition will get under way at 7:30 o'clock.

The Grand Centrals, captained by Tom Keane, it will be remembered, conquered the crack Continentals a short time ago in a ten-game series.

For the first time in their long and record-smashing career on local alleys the Royals have accomplished a feat accredited to few teams—that of rolling all individual games above 100.

When Bernie Carroll hit the maples for a 102 count in his first game against the Good Fellows, in the District League last night, at the Royal, he obtained the low score of the Royals for the evening, and in his final game he tied for high game honors with Lewis by getting 156 pins.

Recent Average.

Games of 588, 568, and 585 netted the Royals a set of 1,741, and boosted the team's already fat average. Incidentally, they won three games, which places them one-half of a game behind the Continentals for the league lead. The Continentals have won 34 games and lost 8 against 35 won and 10 lost for the Royals.

Although his team was trimmed, Capt. Bill Rider, of the Good Fellows, was the star of the match. His 367 total was seven pins better than that of Krauss, whose games were 129, 121, and 110. Rider's strings were 114, 123, and 130.

Krauss Takes Two Ways.

Krauss gave another one of those duckpin-tenpin exhibitions, rolling with Royals in the Washington City Tenpin League and with the Royals in the District duckpin circuit. His tenpin scores were 184, 182, and 191. The Royals roll again tonight, against the National Capitals, at the National Capital alleys.

O'LEARY HIKES AHEAD

Trims Skater Rexac in Unique Contest at Rink.

Dan O'Leary, world's champion heel and toe walker, jaunted a mile around the Coliseum skating rink last night before Frank Rexac, a local crack on the little rollers, could negotiate two miles and one-half. O'Leary's time was eight minutes and 30 seconds. Rexac's was 10 minutes and 15 seconds. O'Leary gave a clever exhibition of walking. He had plenty to spare at the finish, and wound up with a lively sprint. Tonight he will take on Johnny Deakins, who promises to give him a real race.

PLAYERS MUST STAY

International League Will Hold Those Under Options.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Clubs in the International League next season will not be wrecked by big league clubs who recall players at crucial times. Acting in a postponed meeting, the club owners adopted a rule that optional players released to the International League must spend the season with the clubs to which they are sent.

The season of the International will open April 17, and will end August 5, after which the interleague series with the American Association will be started. This will end September 25.

LAST NIGHT'S PERFORMANCES ON BOWLING ALLEYS

SOUTHEAST LEAGUE.

Clark	89	96	102	Mull	82	91	107
Curtain	94	91	99	Reed	90	94	108
Haynie	90	97	98	Eisen	90	94	108
Johnson	94	95	95	Soldner	90	94	108
Boyd	87	123	100	Mitchell	86	96	99
Totals	699	681	704	Totals	664	652	704

PALACE TWO-MAN LEAGUE.

Henderson	88	95	99	Thomas	84	94	97
Brown	88	92	92	Curtis	82	91	106
Totals	176	187	191	Totals	166	185	203
Pulta	108	118	128	Ward	97	109	118
Plymouth	84	108	111	Armstrong	97	96	96
Totals	178	246	229	Totals	193	207	206

CAPITAL CITY LEAGUE.

Work	121	95	88	DeMarr	97	105	91
German	105	96	110	Goddard	87	101	99
James	87	119	98	Larkin	94	94	124
Krauss	90	110	106	Chast	100	109	97
Harville	88	85	89	Shank	98	129	94
Totals	601	597	609	Totals	586	636	597

DEPARTMENTAL LEAGUE.

Smith	96	122	104	Chaffin	87	118	99
O'Neill	90	99	88	Dumny	85	95	85
Lawrence	87	100	99	Greenwall	80	94	89
Emerson	87	85	113	H. Thomas	91	95	97
William	101	97	105	Kempion	96	110	92
Totals	664	697	627	Totals	643	644	623

CENTER MARKET LEAGUE.

Wilson & Rogers	106	108	80	Donovan	118	91	94
Bushy	106	108	80	Blairman	90	94	94
Ballard	85	94	84	Hannett	79	76	83
Myers	88	122	78	J. Blumman	72	77	77
Self	85	77	84	O'Neill	111	97	97
Totals	452	485	423	Totals	651	452	497

I. O. O. F. LEAGUE.

Vigne	97	121	85	H. Stewart	94	91	103
McParlane	105	85	91	Newcomb	94	82	89
Charity	78	78	78	Stewart	86	79	79
Wood	87	106	88	Pepe	82	82	81
Moore	87	106	88	G. Stewart	80	81	84
Totals	638	473	488	Totals	458	423	488

BOB THAYER'S Sporting Gossip

We haven't seen any of those polar bear swimming enthusiasts of last summer chopping holes in the frozen basin to take a dip.

Johnny Dundee's fate in Philadelphia last night stares every prominent boxer in the business. He never can tell when some unknown will put over the old haymaker, as Willie Jackson did. Yet this should not deter Dundee from coming right back and attempt to do likewise to Jackson. Dundee is really a classy lightweight. Furthermore, he is a legitimate lightweight, tipping the beam around 130 pounds every time he steps into the ring. He should immediately plan for a return bout with Jackson.

Dan O'Leary's walk through life leads over country roads, hills, and dunes, and even around the floors of skating rinks.

Now Dave Fultz applies for membership in the A. F. of L., and the time may yet come when, instead of fighting against decreases in salary, we shall see ball players demanding the eight-inning game. We may yet see Walter Johnson stop pitching with the count three-and-two just because whistle blows somewhere. We may see Frank Baker pound the ball over the wall and quit between second and third because his time is up. We may see McBride refuse to tag the stealing Cobb for the same reason. Oh, la, la!

Receiving iron men, instead of praising words, does not seem to worry Jim Thorpe a bit.

Strunk, Bush, and Schang, three real players with the Mackmen, are holdouts, declining to sign one-year contracts. They have not been out, but they decline to sign for a single season. This is something new. They are not members of the Players' Fraternity, and so cannot be obeying Dave Fultz. They simply refuse to sign for shorter than three years.

This is a new angle to the holdout situation. Strunk says he expected a larger increase in salary than that tendered him, thereby hinting that he eventually may come in out of the wet, but kicking about one-year contracts is something new to baseball.

With Fred Fulton developing into championship caliber, another fortune stares Jess Willard in the face.

James J. Corbett is one of the few world-famed pugilists who have elevated themselves after their ring careers were over instead of sinking into the depths of dissipation and poverty. "Gentleman Jim" appeared in vaudeville here last week, and everything he did off the stage indicated the prosperity and polish he has acquired, riding in taxis, stopping at a prominent hotel, etc., and generally conducting himself like one long used to the customs of "high society." The old impetuosity of word and action that characterized him in the ring are still with him, and altogether James is an interesting person.

HARVARD PLAYS FOOTBALL

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 16.—Harvard is evidently going in for football preparedness on a large scale this year, for the first winter practice held in some years at Cambridge started yesterday in the baseball cage, when twelve men, including Captain-elect Walter Wheeler, reported. The work, according to Wheeler, is to be largely of the fundamental kind, leading up to outdoor practice, scheduled for mid-April.

MACKMEN REFUSE; WANT LONGER TERM

Schang, Bush, and Strunk Decline to Sign Contracts Offered for 1917.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 16.—"Wally" Schang, Amos Strunk and Joe Bush, veteran members of the Athletics, joined the spring holdouts yesterday, when it became known that the trio had declined to sign the contracts submitted to them for the 1917 season. They are not members of the Players' Fraternity.

The three men have been working under a three-year contract, which terminated at the close of the 1916 season. It is said that the players received no salary cut, but their contracts were only for a short term, and it is this that is believed to be the reason for their refusal to sign.

Both Strunk and Bush confirmed the report that they have returned their contracts unsigned, and both said that they were not satisfied with the terms of the contracts offered them. Connie Mack refused to discuss the action of his three veterans. "I do not care to discuss the contracts sent to any of my players," said Leader Mack. "This is a club matter, entirely up to the players. They have the choice between signing and refusing. I do not want to be involved in a controversy with my players in an issue of this kind. If the players care to discuss it they can do so, but I will not."

PUTS DUNDEE AWAY

Willie Jackson Disposes of Him in Opening Session.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 16.—Willie Jackson, New York lightweight, has jumped into the limelight with a single punch today. His knockout of Johnny Dundee, the clever New York lightweight, last night, has given him a great following in local athletic circles. It was the first time Dundee had ever been stopped. In fact, it was the first time he was ever cleanly defeated.

A short right hook just as Dundee was starting one of his famous jumping jabs accomplished the knockout. Dundee lay on the mat several seconds after the fatal blow had been counted. Rushed to his corner, he quickly revived.

Until Jackson put over his haymaker, Dundee had been rushing him into corners. It was while leading with head down that Dundee ran into a stiff right hook to the jaw.

WILL PLAY TONIGHT

Terminal Railroad Leaguers Stage Contest At Union Station.

Baltimore and Ohio and Pennsylvania will play tonight in the regularly scheduled Terminal Railroad Y. M. C. A. game at Union Station. The circuit has staged several fine contests during the past month, and competition for the league leadership is unusually keen. The schedule has five weeks to run yet.

Southwestern, Terminal Innings, B. and O. and Penn. are the teams represented in the league.

THEY MEET TONIGHT

Billy Miske and Jack Dillon Booked For Ten-Round Bout.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Billy Miske, of St. Paul, and Jack Dillon, of Indianapolis, will meet in Brooklyn tonight in the second verse of their argument over who's who in the light heavyweight division. They are scheduled to go on rounds.

In their last appearance here Miske fought Dillon to a standstill, with a verdict rather up in the air.

YOKEL IS READY

In Good Condition for His Wrestling Match With Turner.

Mike Yokel, challenger of Joe Turner, for the world's middleweight wrestling championship, is in town today looking fit as a fiddle for his match tomorrow night at the Lyceum with the local mat artist.

All doubts have been dispelled that Yokel will make the required weight of 155 pounds. He is now only a few pounds above weight, and will take this off in training today.

Yokel is the only wrestler who owns the distinction of having beaten Turner on two different occasions. The Westerner gained both of his victories in Salt Lake City.

THREE GOOD GAMES LISTED FOR TODAY

High School Title Battle and Two Other Good Contests on Tap.

Three schoolboy basketball games of more than ordinary interest are booked for today. Western and Eastern are getting together at the Y. M. C. A. in their first meeting in the titular games. Neither team appears to have a chance for the championship as both are unusually light.

Business and Tech, considered likely pennant winners, hook up with independent teams today. The Business leads journey over to Gonzaga, while Tech is slated to entertain the Mercedes five, of the Noel House Gym.

Expect Scrappy Game.

High School League fans are looking for a scrappy game at the "Y" today. The rival teams are about the same in weight and speed. Eastern is considerably more experienced than Western, and will be able to make a better showing.

Neither team has broken records in shooting baskets, as the five do not possess any accurate tossers. Thomas and Schang, for Eastern will probably star in forward position, while Newman and Cummings are to be played as guards.

Same Team Starts.

Western will start the same team that played in the last engagement. Wight and Groves will play in forward while Chamberlain will play in center. The Western center has been under the weather lately and may give way to Gardner. Herron and Johnstone will play guards for the Westerners.

Western has yet to win a game in the series. The five is a green one and there are a number of youngsters on the team who will probably get a chance to show what they can do.

Friday's Contest

Eastern will be forced to come right back for a game on Friday afternoon. The Easterners will meet Technical, while Central is tackling the Business aggregation. Eastern and Western are so greatly outclassed in their engagements that it is problematical if they will be able to win any more games in the series.

With basketball well under way the coaches are turning attention to the track meets to be held indoors this winter. Georgetown's meet has been set for February 17 and on February 24 the annual Fifth Regiment-Johns Hopkins University meet will be staged in Baltimore. Following this is the George Washington meet set for March 2.

Many Candidates Out.

For the first time in many years every high school has indoor track and field meets. It has been rumored that the Georgetown and George Washington meets have been approached with the idea of having special events for the high schools in the metropolis.

Six events have been suggested and the managers of the track games have signed their intention of doing all they can to please the youngsters. Track coaches have been asked whether they would put in special candidates for the event, and it is said that all have agreed.

WHERE THEY ROLL

District League—Shermans vs. Garriens, at Royal.

National Capital—National Capitals vs. Royals, at National Capital.